

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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WILL YOU MEET ME IN HEAVEN?

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Dear Christians far and near, Montgomery is a large place and also the Capital of Alabama, a pleasant place to live, but the Church of God is almost a stranger here. We have about ten or eleven members on our Church Board of which about seven attend service.

The Church has been abused in Montgomery. The few here have mustered up courage through prayer and faith to build a church worth while and have bought a place about one and one-half blocks from the Capitol. Thank the Lord. We need money for this purpose, but we need your prayers worse. My heart is in this undertaking. Please pray that God will give me victory in this work.

With my face turned heavenward, I mean to see my Savior in peace thru the ceaseless ages of eternity. Will you meet me there? With Love.—M. J. Weatherington.

CHURCH BLOOMING AT WINCHESTER

WINCHESTER, Ky. — Somebody may think the Church of God has gone under for that had been some of their talk but they might as well change their minds. The church at Winchester is just now blooming.

Last winter we rented a building, where we could hardly keep warm, for \$5.00 a month and they finally sold it and then we had to have our meetings at the cottages. We decided to build us a place of worship and we made up \$120.00. We paid \$100.00 down on the lumber and are to pay \$10.00 per month on the balance. We bought the lot from one of the brethren and don't have to begin payments for two years. Brother J. A. Muncy our District Overseer, came down from Ravenna to help us on it. We started it Tuesday morning and by the help of the brethren it was in good enough shape by the following Saturday night to have meeting in it. Brother Muncy surely gave us a wonderful message by the help of the Lord. His subject was "Keep your house in order." We surely enjoyed it. We can't tell just how much we appreciated Brother Muncy for he was so faithful in the work.

As we have no pastor at present, we have all agreed to pay 10 per cent of our income to pay for the building. Surely the church should prosper here now. We are expecting a revival here soon.

I have been appointed clerk of the church, also Sunday School superintendent. I feel very little in this great big work for I'm only saved and sanctified and am seeking the baptism. I ask everyone to pray for wife and me to receive the baptism. We are young people and are young in the way. Pray that I will stay humble and fill my place properly in the church.—Albert G. Wright, clerk.

GOD BLESSED IN ALA. CITY

ALABAMA CITY, Ala.—Our revival just closed, was a wonderful success and eternity alone will reveal the good that was accomplished. Our State Overseer, Brother E. M. Ellis, was in charge. The Lord was with him and he certainly gave out the Word in its purity. The power fell and the saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues. Every night the altar was full of hungry souls weeping and praying their way thru to victory.

There were several reclaimed, several saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. About fifteen or twenty united with the church and nineteen followed the Lord in baptism. We surely do thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy to us.—Johnnie Claybon.

THE CHURCH IS MOVING ON

The little church at La Belle, Fla. is moving on. God is still blessing here. Four were saved this month, three sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost making a total of thirty-one saved, thirty sanctified, about twenty-six received the Holy Ghost, twenty-five baptized in water and thirty united with the church in the past two months. We only had fourteen members to begin with and had twenty-one to unite at one time, so this will excel the report of Brother Beard of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. which we have just read in the Evangel. We also took ten subscriptions to the Evangel.

The band here has their piano paid for and a nice little tabernacle to worship in at present but expect to own a nice church some time. We are having singing school taught by Brother F. L. Barley of Ft. Myers, Fla. Good interest.—E. L. Moore.

WORK PROGRESSING IN S. C.

DILLON, S. C.—I feel impressed to write a few words to the Evangel about the work on this side of the state of South Carolina. We came to Dillon on Dec. 23, 1926, being sent by our Overseer, Brother W. E. Raney, to pastor three churches. Marjon, Dillon and Bunker Hill. We found some real Church of God people over here who believe in standing by their pastor. The work is progressing nicely. Some are getting saved, sanctified and receiving the Holy Ghost for which we thank the Lord and we are expecting greater things to happen yet in the name of Jesus.

We love the Church of God and her government and are determined to go thru at any cost. Pray for us. Truly the harvest is great and the laborers few.—J. A. Hanvey, pastor, R. 3.

TOIL ON, THE REWARD IS JUST AHEAD

UNION, Miss.—It has been so long since we have said anything thru the Evangel, I just want to say that we are all out for Jesus, still traveling over the country thru the heat and dust (for we have a terrible drought here now) trying to gather in every soul we can, for we don't believe it will be long until the harvest day will be over. Then we will hear the blessed words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The Bride of Christ is now going thru the humiliation with Jesus (sunburnt).

O saints let us rejoice and toil on for the reward is just ahead for the faithful overcomers. It is only the full overcomer who will go up in the rapture. The rest will be left to go thru the awful tribulation which is coming upon the earth. My heart is made to rejoice now. Old Neshoba County, Mississippi is breaking. We have one church right in the county and two others in adjoining counties and bright prospects for more.

I want to say thru the paper that on the first Sunday in September we are going to begin a meeting here on our place. Our neighboring saints will be here. Brother R. T. Watkins and Brother Grada May of Neshoba will have charge. We welcome any other ministers and saints who can come, especially our State Overseer, Brother Edwards. We want to break this place, the Lord willing. So let us all come praying that the Lord will do great things here for there has never been a Church of God meeting in here and the people all seem to be anxious.—Sarah and J. J. Wedgeworth, R. 6, box 36.

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WATER BAPTISM ENJOINED

THE PROPER ADMINISTRATOR

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

Some people seem to treat the ordinance of baptism as a very light affair and pay no attention to it, as though the Lord had not said He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. It appears to me that such people think they are pleasing the Lord, though they ignore the Lord's special commands. Jesus said, Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Jesus said that, if we would be his disciples we should follow him, then where He is we may also be. How can we expect to be with Him if we do not follow Him? Then let us follow Him every step of the way. Some say, "I don't think there is so much to baptism." Jesus thought so or He would not have walked a fifty mile journey to be baptized in the proper way, by a man who had the Holy Ghost. Then hear Him say, thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. "Us" here has reference to not only Jesus and John, but to all, since the example set by Jesus applied to all.

Jesus did not baptize any one, if He had, all would have to be baptizers, but since He did not intend for all to baptize He was only baptized to show to us that we should follow the example and be baptized just as He was baptized.

Some Examples.

After Paul was saved and the scales had fallen from his eyes he rose immediately and was baptized. This was water baptism we know, since Paul was the subject. Paul was not baptized until the scales had fallen from his eyes. It may be that the scales have not fallen from the eyes of some people. Paul did not delay this very important matter but immediately fulfilled this righteousness.

The Philippian jailer seems to have not waited until daylight but went at once and was baptized. Paul must have showed him the importance of not putting this off, so the jailer and his entire family were baptized.

When Peter preached to Cornelius and his household, they received the Holy Ghost, then Peter began at once to instruct them that they should be baptized. Peter could have argued that they have about all they can stand at present and I will not say anything about water baptism, but no he knew too much about the will of God for him to fall short on this very important teaching since he had been sent by revelation to tell unto them the words of life, so he said, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? He perhaps thought some one would not believe in baptism and would therefore object to them using water for that purpose, but he knew that the new converts needed to be baptized.

The Lord told Philip to go and instruct the Eunuch in the way of salvation; a portion of the instructions was along the line of baptism and by the time they came to sufficient water he was thoroughly enlightened spiritually and intellectually and he asked for immediate baptism. They both went down into the water and the Evangelist baptized the Eunuch.

This is enough to show the importance of immediate baptism.

Who Should Baptize?

The apostles baptized and carried on other church duties while Jesus was with them, but, finally the time came for Him to leave. He then told them to tarry until endued with power from on high, thus showing that no one is to be recognized as legal administrator of baptism until they have received the Holy Ghost.

The apostles carried the name apostle because they were sent out. Jesus named them apostles. The duty of these sent ones was to preach the gospel, heal the sick and baptize new converts. This special twelve was the Lord's sent out ones (apostles). These are to have special favors because they are the special apostles. They are to sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Their names are written within the twelve foundations of the Holy City. There will never be any more apostles just like the twelve, because Jesus isn't here in person to send them, therefore there has never been nor shall be any more apostles of the same order as the twelve. Paul was sent by Jesus as much so as the original twelve, therefore I am persuaded that his name is in the city foundation.

Jesus is referred to as an apostle because He was sent by the Father. He was God's apostle. The twelve were Jesus' apostles. Matthias was chosen by the Church therefore he was not an apostle like the twelve.

Other Apostles

Were there other apostles besides these mentioned? Yes, Timothy, Barnabas, Epaphroditus and others. These are some of the apostles mentioned aside from the twelve. The reason these are called apostles is because they were sent by the churches. Acts 13:3, shows where the Church sent Barnabas, he was not an apostle before that time. Paul said of certain brethren, "Our brethren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches. The Syrian and some other versions say legates (apostles) of the churches."

Rev. 2:2 makes mention of some false apostles. Paul also said, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. The thought portrayed in these Scriptures is that the true apostles recognized today by (Continued on page three)

FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION

GARY, W. Va.—The Tug River District Convention convened at Wilcoe, W. Va. July 15th to 17th. The dear Lord was with us from the beginning to the end. Every saint seemed to enjoy a feast from the Lord. The speakers all seemed to be well anointed with power for service.

On Friday night Brother H. N. Scoggins, our State Overseer, brought the message after which we had an altar service. Saturday morning we had report of the churches and Saturday night Brother O. Basdin made a short talk which was followed by a sermon from Brother Scoggins.

Sunday School Sunday morning was largely attended. Brother Scoggins made a short talk to the school. The writer and Brother C. M. Fowler delivered the discourses. A healing service was then held. Sunday evening five members were received into the church. Brother T. J. Meade, our district overseer made a short talk. Brother C. M. Fowler was recommended and set forth as an evangelist. Brother J. C. Warf, Sister Smith and Sister Hite were recommended and set forth as exhorters. Discourse by Brother C. H. Blankenship. Sunday night Brother Scoggins brought the message. Handshakes and good-byes closed the convention.

This was the first convention in the Princeton District but we all want another one at Wilcoe. Come on saints and let us have a greater convention next year at this place by the help of the dear Lord.

We have just had a revival at Wilcoe, conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother Fowler, also Brother Meade, our pastor was with us five nights. There were about six saved and reclaimed, about four sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost, six added to the church and three baptized in water. We desire your prayers for the work at this place.—A. J. Cox.

CHURCH RISING AT SUCHES, GA.

SUCHES, Ga.—I thank the Lord for the real good of our meeting last night. I thank Him for the little crumbs that I got. The work at this place has been gone down for some time but Brother Cooper, our pastor, has got the thing on a little rise. We hope it will grow on and never look back. The church here has not been on record at Cleveland, Tenn., for a long time but I am writing it up now and hope we can keep it on there by the help of the Lord.

I want all that read this to pray for me and my husband. He has been turned out of the church. Pray that he may turn before it is too late. Also pray that this little church will have a real good revival and that souls will be saved and come into the church. The revival will start the 3rd day of August. We are looking for Brother and Sister Phillips, Brother and Sister Ritch and Brother Cooper to be here if the Lord is willing. Pray for me.—Rosa Tow, clerk.

CORAL GABLES, Fla.—Just a few words of report from the field of the East Coast. We are doing fine at the present time, we are in a revival here at Coconut Grove, Fla. and the Lord is blessing nicely. Six have received the Holy Ghost so far. Pray for us.—C. W. Kerce, 3226 S. W. 23rd Terrace.

Evangelist Paul P. Carpenter closed a six weeks meeting near Akron, O. in which nine were saved, seven received the Holy Ghost and six were baptized in water, also had four healings. Brother Haynes and Brother Phillips assisted.

NOTICE

To my many brethren, sisters and friends wishing to write me: My address will be No. 8, Congress St., Pittsburg, Pa., until further notice.—E. C. Clark.

POWER OVER THE ENEMY

JENSEN, Fla.—I left Miami on the 10th of May for Nassau and arrived there on the 12th. I started a meeting on the 14th at Freetown, Nassau and continued it until the 26th. Seven souls found Jesus. It was a hard place, the people seemed to be very wicked. They drank, cursed and danced in this town but God gave me power over my enemy.

I went to the island of Bannerman Town Eleithera and stayed three weeks. One soul was blessed. The people there fought the Gospel very hard. They didn't believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ at all, so pray for me that God will give me power to go out and bring souls to His kingdom. My brother in Christ.—Solomon Mackey.

ANOTHER VICTORY IN THE LONE STAR STATE

We have closed a five weeks meeting here at Abilene, Texas and want to praise the Lord for the way He has blessed us. We did not have much help but we, as David of old, went against the enemy in the name of the Lord and of course, the devil tried to make us believe that we were unable to come against such an army as he has in this place, but praise the Lord He gave us the victory.

About the first thing we had to contend with was one day after the Lord had wonderfully baptized two souls with the Holy Ghost, the enemy stepped in in the form of man and began to try to get in his "Jesus only and redemption stuff" and told them to go and be baptized in Jesus' name and they would have the promise of the Father after they already had it, for we heard them speak with tongues, Acts 2:4. Immediately we loaded David's sling shot with the Word of God and drew close aim at Goliath, openly rebuked him and pretty soon we had the enemy on flight. I think the people in this part of the country are beginning to find out that Church of God folks won't stand for just any old thing.

I want to praise the Lord for the ones that have stood by me in this great fight. We have some true blue folks here who love the Truth. They were hunting something clean when they found the Church of God and I believe they are satisfied and would die by their conviction.

I believe there were seven saved, six sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, six followed the Lord in water baptism and six added to the Church. We expect to launch another battle here after the Camp Meeting in August. We ask the prayers of all the saints everywhere.—J. T. Campbell, pastor, box 646, Abilene, Texas.

CONVICTION MANIFESTED

ANDERSON, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing over here in South Carolina. Brother Odie Smith, pastor at Anderson, and the writer have just closed a three weeks revival at Autun, S. C. The dear Lord surely blessed in giving out the Word. Conviction began to work and precious souls began to pray thru to victory. There were about thirty saved, eighteen sanctified, eighteen received the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak in tongues, twenty baptized in water and a church set in order with twenty-three members. A good number of people were healed by the mighty power of God.

Please pray for us that we may stay humble and obey the Lord. Your brother in the Lord.—E. G. Looney.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

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CAN'T SAY ENOUGH FOR THE CHURCH

JASPER, Ala.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful plan of salvation and for the Church of God. I have never at any time doubted the Church of God. I thank God for the true ones that are in this way. May the Lord bless the dear old Church at Carbon Hill, Ala. I praise the Lord for the people in the Church there, especially for the pastor, Brother Clyde Dodd, who, I believe, will stand true for the Church of God until Jesus comes.

Brother Richard and Brother Clyde Dodd held a meeting at Carbon Hill, Ala. Their sermons were wonderful. Only eternity can tell the good that was done. I can't say enough for the Church of God. If the whole church would live as the Lord would have them, Christianity would be the mightiest power this world has ever seen. Read 2 Peter 1:5. I believe if we have these things in us we will be constantly bringing forth fruit that will be acceptable with God.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may get willing to do just what the Lord would have me do.—Noah Weff.

GOD'S POWER HEALS INSTANTLY

SESSER, Ill.—I praise the Lord for salvation full and free. I thank Him for healing my baby's arm. I don't know how she hurt it but she was suffering with it and I sent word to the church for them to pray for her. She did not rest all night but the next morning she was healed and has been perfectly well ever since. Nothing but the power of God could heal instantly.

I need the prayers of the saints that I might go on with the Lord and bring my children up in the way. I have to fight the battle alone for my husband departed this life nearly four years ago.

There have been twenty saved, twelve sanctified and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost and we are expecting many more. Our pastor, Brother Bixler preaches the Word with power. Brother Newton and Brother Short have helped also. Pray for us.—Alice Bradley.

THE LORD IS PRECIOUS

E. GASTONIA, N. C.—Dear Evangel readers I wish to praise the dear Lord for what He has done for me. For fourteen years I have been a reader of the Evangel. In it I find comfort, sunshine and love. Oh! Jesus has been wonderful to me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and has been my healer many times. As He healed Peter's Mother, the woman who had put her trust in the physicians, so truly did He heal me. One of my little girls was burned very badly in Jacksonville, Fla. The Doctor said she died more than once, but praise God she was healed by the power of the Lord and is now sound and well. He has healed so many diseases till I can not record them here.

We desire the prayers of the saints that we may be faithful unto the end of this life and at last meet our loved ones in peace on that beautiful shore.—Humbly yours, Mrs. Mary Thomas.

NOTICES

To all whom it may concern: My address is changed from 842 Madison St., Wilmington, Del., to Preston Caroline Co., Maryland.—T. W. Harmon.

If anyone knows an elderly couple, or any one, desiring a good industrious girl to be as one of the family or to work for a salary, I would like to recommend Mrs. Garnet Little. She needs a good home and is exceptionally smart and of good character.

Her husband died and left her with a sweet little girl which is now about four years old. She wants a home for herself and the child. If there is a home that has no children and needs a lady of this character, the child would be lots of company.

If you are interested write me at the address given below.—(Miss) Maud Medler, 124 Madison Ave., Clarkdale, Miss.

To the Overseer, Pastors and members of the Church of God in N. C. The work is moving on fine at Washington. We are at work on our camp meeting tabernacle which is 62 x 82 feet. It will cost something like a thousand or twelve hundred dollars to complete it and we have not secured all this amount yet but we are looking to the Lord to supply our needs.

We are expecting to have it ready by Sept. 10th and are planning to start our camp meeting on that date. We would be glad for the churches of North Carolina to join us with their prayers and means as this is a state camp meeting ground. Let us do our best for God.—A. L. Crisp, R. 3, Washington, N. C.

Another revival will begin at the Church of God at Charlotte, N. C. Sunday Aug. 28th and will continue through Sept. 11th. Roy E. Blackwood our state overseer in charge. Come one and all enjoy the good things of the Lord.—I. G. Roberts, pastor.

We wish to notify thru the Evangel that we are going to begin a revival at Long Branch church on the 25th of August and mean to continue it as long as the Lord leads. Brother C. A. Culpepper, our pastor, will be in charge. Brother J. K. Horton and Brother Sweat from Odum will assist.

We invite all the saints everywhere to come and be with us in the meeting if possible. If you can't come, please pray that God will work in a wonderful way and save, sanctify, baptize with the Holy Ghost and confirm the Word with signs following.—W. T. Willing, Millen, Ga.

A very prosperous meeting is now in progress at Hiwassee, Tenn. A number have been blessed already and the end is not yet. We will have Home Coming Day at this church Sept. 11th. Everybody invited to be with us. We will have communion in the afternoon D. V. Come and enjoy the good things of the Lord.—J. S. Walker, pastor.

I would like to know the whereabouts of Mrs. Elvie McCurry. If anyone knows where she is, please let me hear from you at once.—Argle Tapley, Smyrna, Ga., R. 2, box 365.

REQUEST

I want the people of the great Church of God to pray that God will save my uncle, aunt and me. I love the Church of God. I am a sinner but I truly believe God wants me to work for Him.—J. M. Weil, 921 W. Monroe St., Jacksonville, Fla.

I have been sick all my life, but for the last eight years I have been a perfect invalid. I am now past middle life. I have a complication of diseases but my biggest trouble is a loss of appetite. I never know what it is to want anything to eat. I have been that way somewhat all my life, but for the past eight years I have been worse. I can't sleep at night and I want you good people to pray for me that my appetite will be restored and that I will get out of this awful condition.—(Miss) Monterey A. Thompson.

I want the saints to pray that I will be healed. I have been sick four and one half years. Have been in bed most of the time. I had a nervous breakdown, neuritis, stomach, kidney and bladder trouble. I suffer so much. Pray that I may have more faith. I take the Evangel and love to read it.—Mrs. S. E. Barber.

I am praising the dear Lord this morning for His healing power. I am not completely healed and desire the prayers of all the saints of God. I want to continue to do my Master's will at all times. I am a member of the great Church of God and by His help I mean to go thru. Pray for my unsaved husband.—Mrs. G. F. Coleman.

WALK WITH GOD

How much is said in the blessed Book about the duty and privilege of walking with God? From a study of certain passages in the Scriptures, we conclude that God wants us to walk with Him. He has set His heart upon it. He doubtless made us for this purpose. He might have inhabited eternity in the mysterious companionship of the Spirit without a moral being to witness His glory, but He created such beings in His own image that He might enjoy them and that they might find delight in Him. People can walk with God. Enoch walked with Him longer than any of us can realize. None of the helps of holiness were in existence, yet Enoch walked with God amid all the abounding sin of that dark ancient world. He walked so close to God that he walked right into Heaven without passing through the gateway of death.

Some have expressed it: One bright morning God and Enoch were taking their customary walk. They came to the door of God's house. He stepped across the threshold and invited Enoch in. Enoch was too polite to refuse and just went in to be forever with the Lord. In the face of this fact, people coddle themselves in their sins and say one cannot live holy; one cannot walk with God. Noah walked with God a long time, perhaps hundreds of years when the world was getting so desperately and hopelessly wicked that God resolved to destroy it. Abraham heard God's call when he was living among his fathers and by faith he went out, not knowing whither he went. He only knew that God was with him and in his long journey he was walking with God. Moses walked with God in such intimacy of communion that somehow the glory of the Lord shone thru his face.

I wonder if we are walking with the Lord inasmuch that the world can see the glory in our faces. Can they see Jesus in your every day walk? Elijah walked with God when the king, queen, courtiers, wealth, fashions and people, as far as he knew were against him. One day as he was walking with God, one of the heavenly chariots swung low enough to take him in and in the twinkling of an eye he swept home to glory. Hallelujah!

None of those men of old had our opportunities, our light, our helps and our advantages, yet they had this witness borne to them, that they had been well pleasing to God. Oh, the shame it is for people to say they can't walk with God. They talk about sin as an unavoidable necessity. People who walk with God must walk where He walks. "He guideth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake." This old path of righteousness is the very one that Abel walked in at the beginning of human history. This is the only path in which God ever did, or ever will walk. He has ever been the same holy being.

Man's fashions and customs change. He smiles on this today or that tomorrow, but God is the same yesterday, today and forever. Men and women run after everything new. They are looking for something new, but God looks down upon this foolishness and says, "Ask for the old paths, wherein is the good way and walk therein." It requires no ordinary courage to do that in these days when people of today will bow down before any fashionable craze of unbelief. Preachers and people alike had rather be popular than to be right with God. God's path is the path of holiness. "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it." Isa. 35:8.

This is why God tells people to get their hearts cleansed. Without that cleansing, they never will peaceably walk His road, this way of holiness. It does not lead thru wine, dancing, parties, card clubs or theatres. It does not lead people to hunger and thirst after the ungodly fashions of this world, for all the unclean and godless shall not pass over it. Be ye holy as I am holy.

God will not leave His path of holiness to walk with you in sin, therefore you must choose His path and come in harmony with Him. Your love and your hates must be so swallowed up in God that you will love what He loves and hate only what He hates: To this end God requires separation and He will surely get it if you become truly sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost for you will suddenly find that you have lost your relish for all that is unlike Jesus. Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord. God does not want His blood bought children to be in the presence of attractive forms of sin. Dear ones, are you in the old paths of righteousness where He said we should walk? Have you come out from among the world and sinners? Now is the day, God can slay the old man of iniquity and cast him out and set you free from his enticements, then come in and take possession of you Himself. Your soul will be inraptured with His companionship and charmed with His character. The Holy One of Nazareth will be all and all to your dear heart.—Pauline Jackson, Walhalla, S. C.

What Is That To Thee? Follow Thou Me!

John 21:22.

From the time that Jesus stood upon the sea shore and uttered these words, they have rung down thru the centuries and today the Holy Spirit is repeating them to the hearts of many. Did you ever hold a brother or sister close between you and our Savior when the devil is trying to get you to fall out with your best friend and did you look and see where the fault was, in you or your brother? Now the devil is trying to get your mind off of Jesus and if he can do that he will soon have you on backslidden ground. For instance, dear reader, you had so much confidence in a brother in your church, perchance he might have been an elder, but one day you had some business dealing with him and according to your way of thinking, he did not act square. My! how suddenly he dropped in your estimation and you at once stamped him as a hypocrite and the longer you thought about it, the bigger hypocrite he became until at last you tendered your resignation, caring no longer to be in the same church with him. Before you realize it, prejudice, criticism and judgment have filled your heart. You have reached the conclusion that if that man goes to Heaven, you do not care to go there. Beloved, you had better watch out or you never will either.

God's word is true and it says to you, where in thou judgest another thou condemnest thyself, for thou that judgest, doest the same thing. Except ye shall repent ye shall all likewise perish.

What is it to thee? Follow thou me. And you dear brother or sister who are so weighted down with burdens, broken hearted and weary of life and perchance almost excluded from the world by the care of some loved one beyond the reach of all earthly aid; you have looked upon some professing Christianity and to be led by the Spirit and they perhaps have been so blessed of the Lord that He has showered upon them some of His precious gifts. Yet one sad day to me, and poured into your ears such a tale of how someone had sworn to be true to you and had proven to be false. They roll it as sweet morsels under their tongue. Your already bleeding heart has received a stab, the scar of which you will carry to your dying hour. You sink beneath the blow like a fair lily withering in the burning blast. You gasp between your sobs, "If that is religion, none of it for me." Listen dear heart, Jesus is bending low and saying, oh so tenderly, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." And as you pour out your sorrow to Him, He gently adds, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me."

You, who perhaps have lived a moral and upright life, scornful to deceive or do a dishonest act, you who would not deign to commit but are relying upon the pearly gates swinging open at the presentation of your good works and mortality; you to whom yet one thing more is needed, the atoning blood of Jesus Christ and your acceptance of Him as your personal Savior, to you He is saying, "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me. What is that to thee? Follow thou me."

No matter if professing Christians are inconsistent, what is that to thee, but by obeying the Word of the Master, you will become a consistent Christian and an example, not only to them, inconsistent Christians, but to unbelievers.—Atex Snaffer, Marian, Fla., R. 3.

PAY YOUR BILLS

One time F. B. Meyer, that prince of spiritual leaders, spoke the first night at the Keswick convention. In his introductory remarks it is stated he said to the people: "Remember, you will get no blessing as long as the bills are not paid at home." While reading this it made us think of the many who have been desiring a blessing in their lives. Possibly the reader has been desiring a blessing. Has it failed to come? Have you wondered why it has failed to come? Have you reflected sufficiently to locate the reason? Were there any unpaid bills?

Your standing bills may not be bills to be paid with money. There may be bills that will mean a resigned, submissive spirit. There may be bills that will mean a confession of jealousies, envies, evil speakings. There may be bills of humble service to be rendered to others. There may be bills of common, daily obedience to one or some ones that you were constantly repelling. There may be bills of inward hurts, bills of grumbings, bills of bitterness, bills of laxness in your devotions to God, bills of respect to your neighbor, bills, bills, bills, unpaid, undesired, hated, but these bills will follow on your track for recognition.

Reader, think over these bills. Will you pay them? Will you resist them? Will you meet them now? Will you leave them to be met with in the Lord's presence? Will you be ashamed at His presence, when He comes, because of "unpaid bills?" Remember, you will get no blessing as long as the bills are not paid at home.—Selected.

FORMER SALVATION ARMY LASSIE RECEIVES BLESSING



MALVINE MCFARLIN

Looking for Appointment to Preach the Gospel as the Bible teaches it

One of my earliest recollections is of sitting on a chair in the corner of the kitchen listening to mother tell me the story of Jesus while she went about her work. I was only five years old but when she pictured to me the cross of Calvary with Jesus hanging there suffering for me, my little heart was touched and I spent the rest of the day crying. I resolved to give my life to God and to live for Him.

As my parents belonged to the Salvation Army, I was taken there to worship God and as I grew older I began to take part in the Young People's Meeting and to testify for God. At the age of ten I preached my first sermon. How the Lord blessed and used me in those years is wonderful. I walked in the light as God gave it to me. A few years later when I was in my teens, I was sanctified at a Salvation Army Camp Meeting. A little while after this I came across the first Church of God, or the baptism of the Holy Spirit as the third definite blessing. We passed the church on our way home from meetings at the Army. People kept asking us if we had been in to see the Holy Rollers yet. So one evening my girl friends and I stopped in to see them. Such carrying on we had never seen before. My girl friends laughed and made fun of them but I was inclined to be indignant at such things as dancing, shouting and speaking in tongues in the House of God. I had been taught against it all my life and I thought it was ridiculous. But nevertheless, we stopped in every night to see them perform, as we called it. Then the church moved away and I heard no more of them for some years.

When I was eighteen years old, the Salvation Army people began to talk to me about going thru the Salvation Army Training College to become an Army officer (minister). I wanted to do more for God so I thought that must be the right place for me. Up to this time I had been a faithful member of the Army in my home town, taking part in the street meetings, wearing the uniform, selling the periodicals and attending and taking part in the inside meetings. So I was sent off to New York on September 8, 1926 with much cheer and goodwill and prophesying of a splendid future for me in the Salvation Army. I was not satisfied or happy while in New York. I felt God was calling me to be an Evangelist. I began to think about some of the things I heard and saw at the Church of God back home. I searched the Scriptures and I found out that it was the old time power that these people had. Why did not the Army teach these things then? Well I must leave such questions and thoughts and try to be happy. I finished the ten months of training and graduated in June. I received the rank of Lieutenant and was given an appointment. However, I did not go to my appointment but went straight home. One of my girl friends who now belonged to the Church of God, invited me to a tent revival, they were having. I began to attend the meeting regularly.

One Sunday afternoon during testimony meeting everyone started to shout and sing, dance and speak in tongues. They looked so happy and I began to feel wretched. The Lord said to me, "They have something you do not have." The Holy Spirit shook me and I went weeping to the altar. There I received the baptism and spoke in tongues, shouted and danced all over the tent. Oh! I was so happy I just wanted to tell everyone. Yes I, who had scoffed and laughed at these people a few years ago, am now one of them and I am going out to tell people how mistaken they are when they laugh at us. No! I'm just going to tell them to come and get this old time power, then they will understand it. Address Malvine McFarlin, 624 Court Ave., S. W., Canton, Ohio.

TENT MEETINGS IN FLA.

We wish to give a brief report of our tent meetings held in Florida during the past five months. We praise God for the number of souls that have prayed thru to victory and for His presence manifested in our midst. God has blessed in a wonderful way and the tent proved a blessing everywhere it went. One Sunday while the power was falling, one sister remarked that she received a blessing that would last until Jesus came.

In some places we have gone, the work had been neglected, no shepherd, the sheep scattered, the harvest white and the laborers few. If we only had wide awake pastors to place in the new or neglected fields, the work would grow and prosper, but so often the lambs are left to perish in the cold. We find hungry hearts at every place we go. We have more calls than we can fill.

In February we held a meeting at Vamo. Bro. and Sister Shaw helped in this meeting. Brother Fred Chambers and wife of Cleveland, Tenn., met us here and helped until the first of July when they returned to their home in Cleveland. The Lord blessed in this meeting, several prayed thru to victory. The saints from Punta Gorda and Sarasota added to the interest of the meeting.

From there we went to Naples. We found Brother Walker, a young minister, holding up the blood stained banner. The Lord blessed here and several prayed thru. We received in cash, subscriptions and free labor, almost sufficient funds to build a new church on an acre of land already owned by the Church of God. One sister gave a piano. The saints from Ft. Myers, Punta Gorda and other places came and helped us about the victory.

When we closed the meeting at Naples, Brother Lopez was here in his boat to take us to Chokoloskee. Sister Lemons had begun the meeting. Brother and Sister Haddock are laboring on the island and doing their best to resurrect this neglected field. Brother and Sister Newsome from Sarasota came and helped a few days. All those who have heard Brother Haddock and Sister Lemons preach, know that we gave the devil a good round at this place. A number were blessed and we believe that the judgment will reveal more than we are able to report. The church had been damaged by the storm and had to be torn down and rebuilt. Brother Haddock had the new building ready for services the following Sunday after we left. They now have a new piano for the church, a thriving Sunday School and are moving forward.

From there we went to Cedar Key. Brother Frank Baldree is the pastor. The Chesser String Band (four of the Bible students) furnished the music and did most of the preaching. The town was stirred as never before. This was a good advertisement for the Bible School. The people were well pleased with the students. The Chesser boys are on fire for God and give out the Word with power and demonstration of the Spirit. Some were opposed to women preaching, but after hearing Sister P. W. Chesser preach, the opposition vanished. The saints from Cross City, Chiefland, Wilcox and other places came with their stringed instruments, testimonies and shouts of victory and added to the interest of the meeting. Brother Baldree is kept busy looking after the flock and they have a fine Sunday School and the work is prospering.

The Bible students left here for the camp meeting and we came on to Wilcox where we found a revival spirit and a little band of saints on fire for God and ready for the battle. We held a revival at this place a few months before and set the church in order so the young converts were anxious for an old time Pentecostal revival. Brother Martin Baldree, pastor at Cross City, preached for us the first few days and as usual the saints from the neighboring churches visited the meeting. Brother Frank Baldree is the pastor at Wilcox and was present to lead in the singing, preach, work at the altar or do anything to make the revival a success. Several were saved, sanctified and seven received the Holy Ghost. The power of God was manifested in our midst from the beginning and we believe the new church will take on new life as a result of this meeting.

At these different places quite a number have been saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, baptized in water and added to the church. As we look back over the field and think of the battles fought, the victories won, remember the shining faces of the saints and how the Lord poured out His Spirit from time to time, we realize the half has not been told but we have only given a brief sketch of our work.—D. C. Culpepper.

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N. DAK. STATE ASSEMBLY

On Sunday morning July 3rd at 10:00 a. m. the North Dakota State Assembly of the Churches of God convened at Plaza and lasted for three days. The services were opened by songs and prayer, followed by a welcome address by Brother P. H. Walker our State Overseer. Every one was made to feel welcome and at home in enjoying God's blessings. Hazel Anderson and Erdie Bowen each gave a talk on the Sunday School. Sister Anderson gave a very interesting talk.

Next on the program came a short talk by Brother Charles Bowen on the Church of God Bible Training School. He boosted the school as a valuable institution for more efficient training for workers and encouraged young people to come. Comments by Overseer on same subject. Session closed with songs and prayer. The afternoon service opened with songs and prayer, after which Brother E. M. Walker took the stand and preached from Luke 24:49, exhorting us to draw closer to God and tarry for old time Pentecostal power. Duet on "Tip-toe" by sister Tiedman and Sister E. M. Walker. A short talk, but effective, on the Orphans was given by P. H. Walker which resulted in a neat sum of \$40.00 collected for the orphans. The afternoon session closed again after a few remarks from the State Overseer, then a prayer.

On Sunday night at eight o'clock p. m. we gathered again and after the usual beginning Brother Walker gave a few words on Divine Healing. Healing services were conducted and God blessed in a mighty measure, inasmuch that people were weeping and shouting for joy. Song and music by orchestra, and song "There will be no tears there," by brother and sister P. H. Walker and Sister Lillian L. Soldier. Sermon by Brother James Martin using Luke 21:36 for text. Urged necessity of prayer and watching in these last days. Closing remarks again and altar service. Monday morning July 4th at ten o'clock a. m. service opened with songs and prayer, also music by orchestra. Short talk on need of more money for missions by P. H. Walker. Church at Plaza has raised \$43.00, and the offering taken during the Assembly amounted to \$16.19 making a total of \$59.19. Duet, "Sweeter As The Years Roll By," Brother and Sister P. H. Walker. Sister E. M. Walker preached and exhorted us to draw close to God and pray more. Closed service with a prayer.

Monday afternoon. Songs and prayer and special song by Sister Lillian Soldier and Brother and Sister Walker. Sermon on water baptism, by P. H. Walker, text Matt. 3:11. Eighteen followed the Lord in water baptism at Shell Creek. Monday night eight p. m. songs and testimony service. Song by German, Indian and Norwegian saints in native language. Messages given by Brother J. H. Eagle, Indian brother from Indian Reservation. Described work among the Indians and plead for more laborers among them. Altar service.

Tuesday morning ten-thirty. Songs and prayer. Business meeting followed; the object of this meeting was to decide on a permanent building or shelter for the future Assemblies. They decided that the churches of North Dakota would buy a thirty foot center piece for Brother J. H. Walker's tent and use this as a shelter for the coming assembly. Brother Newton Spurgeon gave a message, text, Matt. 4:5, exhorted to constancy in prayer and the spiritual life, be examples and keep in touch with God. Song and testimony service followed. Afternoon program, songs and prayer. Sermon by Sister Mammie Walker. Gave inspiring talk and everybody felt good. Text Psa. 100. Duet, "Free! Free!" by Sister Torgerson and Sister Reum. Sermon by Brother Plagals, special message to the saints, encouraged the weak saints and exhorted to pray more and seek greater unity. Closed with song and prayer.

Tuesday night, 8:00 p. m., songs and prayer. Healing service followed. Testimony service. Song in German language by German saints. Song in Indian language, J. H. Eagle. Question committee announced, questions and answers were given. Special song by Brother and Sister P. H. Walker and Lillian Soldier. Sermon by P. H. Walker, "The demonstration of the Spirit." John 3:8, gave strange, and convincing discourse on this subject and brought out Scriptures very plainly to prove his argument. Altar service was extended. Handshakes and good-byes. Every one felt good and looked ahead to next Assembly. Saints were inspired and encouraged to press on to greater depths and higher heights in God's grace and love.

We feel that this assembly exceeded even the last assembly. Much love and unity prevailed and God was mighty in our midst. Several messages and interpretations were given and everybody felt refreshed and determined to press the battle harder for God in North Dakota. God especially blessed in the healing services and many testified of getting healed. One was baptized with the Holy Ghost during the Assembly. We are

How Shall We Escape If We Neglect Salvation

HATTISBURG, Miss.—I praise our King for the wonderful way He is blessing in Mississippi. I feel like this is the year of jubilee for all the local Churches of God throughout the state. Some have found themselves going down the road to neglect. Heb. 2:3 "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him." Dear readers this is a question that is unanswerable. How shall we escape? There is no escape for us if we continue in the way of neglect until Jesus comes.

The Church of God is calling for one hundred percent of the standard of salvation God has raised up for His church and if we neglect one of the least items mentioned in the Bible standard we are guilty of all, so what ever you lack in measuring up to the standard, you lack just that much in being a loyal member of the Church of God.

We have just arrived at our home in Hattisburg. I am glad to report that the Lord gave us a wonderful time. We had our State Overseer, Brother Edwards, with us for four days. He preached the Word in great power. At every service many wept their way to the altar. We also had Brother Wright with us. He preached a soul stirring sermon and before the altar call was given all eyes were filled with tears. There were others here who rendered efficient service. The meeting closed Sunday with the altar filled with seekers. Many are looking this way and many lifted their hands heavenward as evidence of needing salvation.—C. C. Stewart, Evangelist.

JESUS SAVES

WAYNE, W. Va.—Dear Evangelists, may the dear Lord bless all of you is my prayer. I am so glad He has included me. I was a Roman Catholic, but thank God I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost now. He also filled my mother and father with the Holy Ghost, but mother has gone to be with Jesus. My father is living, he is eighty-one years old. Please remember my sister who has gone back in sin, and also pray for my unsaved brothers.

I have a hard time in the world, but thank God I know I have a home in heaven. We read in 2nd Timothy, 2nd and 3rd chapter about the things which are taking lives down because they love God and Mammon. Jesus says we must leave the world behind. I am only just a plain young man, and want to be just like Paul. There are a few people who are members of different churches, and say they are ready to meet Jesus. He says to try the Spirits, see if they are of God or not.

I would like to correspond with young boys and girls who are members of the church. I have been writing to quite a few, but they are not members of the Church of God. I wish we had a correspondence paper for young people so we could hear of each other and pray for one another, and also to hear and see one another.

Dear saints I have had the Holy Ghost about sixteen or seventeen years. I have been out in the work for about three or four years and I have no desire to turn back. I went to the Assemblies of God for nineteen years. May God bless all of you is my prayer.—Angelo M. Rosone.

looking ahead for greater things from God in North Dakota. We seem now to hear the sound of abundance of rain. During the past week twenty six have been added to the Church at Plaza, making a total of fifty-eight members. These however will not all be permanently on the roll of the church at Plaza, but until churches can be established in their own vicinity.

Thirty have followed the Lord in water baptism the past week, also God is blessing in many ways. Pray for the people here, many hungry souls are looking this way, realizing that we have the genuine, but "listen" we need "laborers" who are willing to sacrifice and make an effort to advance this great cause.—Reporters, Nellie and Pearl Anderson.

NOW IS THE TIME TO COUNT THE COST

Solomon 6:10. "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banner." Praise God, it is the dear old Church of God. Thank God! What do you say it is dear ones? Help me shout, glory, glory.

Who is the head of this church and who holds the government in His power? Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Well praise our God, there is real government when we obey the word of God. Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with His own blood."

I love His church and I love the government also. How He must love His church to give His own blood for it, no wonder we love the church. He speaks to the pastors of His church: "Feed my sheep." This He said to Peter in John 21:16. The Church of God teaches ALL of the Word and practices it. Some teach and have Sunday School lessons about Jesus whipping the money changers out of the temple and in the very face of this they have all sorts of feasts, suppers, shows, bazars, etc. In the church. It makes me think of what the serpent said to the woman when he beguiled her: Yea God said it, but it is not so.

I cannot find where God told us to give down or live a more worldly life in this dispensation than in any other. God has made no excuse for loose living in these modern days. The Word of God is what we have to be judged by, so it behooves us to know what He says and live it. Matt. 15:8-9, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honour me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

How many churches today wash feet? In John 13:4-17 Jesus gave us an example. I am so glad the dear old Church of God takes the Lord's Supper, and yes sir, we wash feet. Vs. 13 to 17 "Ye call me Master and Lord and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his Lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Where in the Bible does it say, that in the 20th century you do not have to wash feet, and at this day and age you don't need the Holy Ghost, etc.? Some preach about that wonderful Paul, but fail to follow him all the way. Acts 19:6 "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." I hear Paul say in 1 Cor. 14:29 "Forbid not to speak with tongues."

Dear ones, do you know the Bible says, at the judgment people will say Lord haven't I done wonderful things in thy name and He will say, I never knew you? Think of it, people who have been faithful to some church, gave money, prayed and all these things, still they will hear the doom, I never knew you. Oh, will it pay dear ones, to ease our conscience in this life, shut our eyes and ears to the Word of God and be lost because some luke warm preacher tells you you can dance a little, go to shows, ball games, chew tobacco, smoke cigarettes, drink a little, go to church a little and get to heaven? Lost forever will it be, lost through all eternity, lost from friends and loved ones, lost in spite of all we do, lost from all that is pure and good, lost eternally from God. Oh, may this never be your case.

Lost with Satan forever to dwell, Your soul for ages to burn in hell; Lost on account of some earthly lust, Will your soul be suffering when your body is dust?

For dust we are and to dust must return, But when life's ended, I choose not to burn; But rather to dwell in my mansion fair, With Christ my Savior who's building it there.

Now come to Christ, He'll make you whole, He hates your sin but loves your soul; And shed His blood that we might live, He now is anxious to forgive.

Would it not be better, when this life is done, To hear the Saviour say, "Well done;" Than to live in sin, die and be lost, Oh! now is the time to count the cost.—T. L. M.

WATER BAPTISM ENJOINED

(Continued from page one)
the church are those sent by the church, but those rising up going forth pretending to do the things enjoined upon an apostle, yet having not been sent by the church could not be termed a true apostle. They are untrue because the church has not sent them. Let us remember that sent out means apostles, but if the wrong thing sends them they are not to be recognized as sent. Sometimes men go prompted by money, yet the church knows that they are greedy of filthy lucre, and for this reason they could not send them. Others have an ambition to preach, perform marriage ceremonies, baptize, administer the sacrament and do the very things that Jesus said belonged to the apostles (sent out one) but they do not want to pay the price or line up with the government, therefore the church cannot send them.

Paul said that certain false apostles were deceitful workers. They are working all right, they may shout, pray and sing and do many other things seemingly as good as that one recognized by the Church, which is looked on as the true apostle of the Church, the sent out one, but these have gone not being sent.

The Evangelist
The word evangelist came from a Greek word which signifies a gospel proclaimer. He is a sent one, therefore is an apostle and proclaims the gospel just as other apostles yet since he is to go far and wide as the sons of thunder, he carries the name evangelist. Philip preached and baptized and went in haste with the message. He is referred to as an evangelist. Paul told Timothy to do the work of an evangelist. What is the main business of an evangelist? Their main business is not to pastor churches, be overseers, hold conferences, perform marriage ceremonies, but to go into the wilderness, hew the timber, laying the straight edge to it until it becomes fit material for the building (Church of God.)

To get the material ready means, to get them saved, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Then they, like material for Solomon's temple may be easily floated to the Church of God, that is if the apostle is a true one sent by the Church he naturally prepares material for the Church. If he doesn't line up with the Church he cannot prepare material for the Church.

I have written this article to show the importance of recognizing the government of the Church.

Paul said of the church at Colosse. I was joying and beholding your order. It seems that some people do not delight in order as Paul did, at least it doesn't give to them any joy.

If we should be slack in government and allow our members to baptize or carry on the work of a sent one, where the Church has not sent them we are virtually undermining the government. People would soon say, "they allow any one to preach and baptize and if this is right I can do as well out of the Church as in, therefore I will go on and do as I please. I won't have to pay tithes or help finance the church and if I do wrong they can't turn me out."

These are some of the things unsent men did for the Church and people in early days and would do the same today. So let me admonish all who love God's Word and want to continue in His approval, live up to His Word and be not found wasting the Church of God as Paul did until he learned better. Let us keep in mind that Jesus was the apostle of God the Father. Paul with the original eleven were the apostles of Jesus Christ. All others sent by the Church are apostles of the Church, as Paul said about certain brethren when he wrote to Corinth, "they are your apostles." If you are not an apostle of the Church then whose apostle are you?

You say, "Jesus sent me." If so your name belongs within the foundation of New Jerusalem.

Elders Ordained

Paul wrote a letter to Titus that he had left him in Crete to set in order the things that were wanting, or other words lacking. What was lacking in that vast island of Crete? They had plenty of elders there who doubtless were fully able to preach, baptize and administer the sacrament, but the thing that was lacking was the elders had not been ordained, so Paul in order to get this in the proper order said ordain elders in every city.

Does this mean that we are only to have one ordained elder in each city? No Paul said "ordain elders". Thus showing that every elder must be recognized as an elder by the Lord's government (the Church) before his work is to be recognized.

See Acts 14:23. And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord.

Roll up your sleeves, go in for real salvation, keep it, live it. If you are not in a church that teaches you all the Word of God, go where they do, it means too much to miss heaven. May God send a world wide revival is my prayer.—H. E. Cole, box 484, Pine City Bra., St. Petersburg, Fla.

COATS FOR THE HOME

F. J. Lee.

As we have no special appointed solicitor on the field at present in behalf of the Orphanage work, therefore it becomes necessary to call attention thru the paper, to the words of the Lord Jesus "I will not leave you orphans, for I shall come to you." Quoted from the Syriac.

Jesus meant that He would be father, mother and everything else necessary to His disciples.

I am persuaded that there are many good people that are willing to say the same thing to the orphan children at Cleveland. I will not leave you, but will come to you.

There are many ways we can come to the aid of these children. We of course need money at all times for their support. You must remember that it takes a large amount of money

to support fifty or sixty children. We would take many more children into the home if the means were at hand for their support.

Another way you can come to them is with clothing. I have heard of a statement like this, "We would send them many things if we knew what they needed."

I will tell you of something that the matrons say the girls need, they need coats for winter. The school is coming on, and the girls especially will need to be cared for with winter coats. Nine girls ranging in age from 6 to 14 years will need coats. Also several coats for boys from 6 to 14 will be needed. This is only a reminder. I feel that there are many that would like to help on this line if they only knew what to send.

But notice they were not commended to the Lord's service until they were ordained. But didn't the Lord ordain them? The Scripture says they ordained them. But was this not done only occasionally and on special occasions? No. They ordained elders in every church.

Where do we get an example of this? In Acts 13:3, where Paul and Barnabas had hands laid on them and they were sent to the Gentiles.

Almost Whole Town Captured

ALGOMA, W. Va.—I humbly desire to publish and make known to all the saints abroad what the dear Lord is doing for us at this place. We have just closed a good revival which was a great success for the Lord. The writer was in charge.

Fourteen were saved, one or two reclaimed, a few sanctified and many very near receiving the blessed Holy Ghost. We have not yet organized our church but we are expecting a wonderful church here. It is marvelous how the mighty power of God has been convicting people and the whole town is looking this way.

I came here one year ago. The people's hearts were seared with sin but the dear Lord and I went to work and thank the Lord we have almost captured the whole town. We have already something near \$500.00 and an installment of about the same amount to apply on our new church house. The company is going to help us on it also. Brethren pray for us that all our dear brothers and sisters here will receive the Holy Ghost. We are looking for our State Overseer, Brother Scoggins, to come and be with us.—Wm. Nichols.

4TH OF JULY WONDERFUL DAY

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—I want to praise the dear Lord this morning thru the Evangel for the way He is blessing at Kannapolis. Saturday

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OBITUARIES

KITCHENS

The people of the Pleasant Valley community, near Granfield, Okla. were saddened on Wednesday morning March 30, 1927 by an accident caused by a gun and which resulted in the death of little T. J. Kitchens. He was three years, seven months and twenty-four days of age at the time of his death. He was born at Ravia, Okla. August 6, 1923. He was only a bud here on earth to bloom in Heaven. He leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, two brothers, one sister and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by Brother John Brock and his little body was laid to rest in the Ravia Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Little Darling how we miss you, While from this world you are gone, But we'll meet some day in Heaven— And there with Jesus forever roam.— Viola Wright.

MESSER

Little James William Messer, son of Brother and Sister W. R. Messer, departed this life March 24, 1927. All was done that loving hands could do but Jesus knows best and took him. He leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, two sisters, one brother and many friends.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer and we laid little James to rest in the Cherry Hill cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

We love him, yes we love him, But angels love him more; And they have sweetly called him, To yonder blissful shore.

The golden gates were opened, A gentle voice said, "Come," And in farewell remembrance, Little James entered home.

Little James, oh how we miss you Since you have gone away, You are living with the angels, We are coming some sweet day.

Little James while you were with us, We did for you the best we could, Will you whisper to our Savior, "Papa and mamma are living good."

Little James you're a sweet little flower, In bloom on the golden shore, Do you know your little sisters? The number over there is four.— E. D. Melton.

BRYANT

On Tuesday morning March 29, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bryant and claimed for its victim their dear son Robert, age twenty-eight years, two months and one day. Brother Bryant was a devoted Christian and a true and loyal member of the great Church of God. He was saved about ten years ago. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed by the church and citizens of the community and those of his home town. His death was caused by a broken jaw. He suffered almost nine months but bore his suffering with patience. We visited him several times during his illness and when we would enter the door he would reach up his hand and begin to praise the Lord. The dear Lord saw fit in kind and tender mercy to take Brother Bryant where there is no suffering and to a land where we will never grow old and no tears will ever be shed. We all want to live so we can meet him on that shore. We can never forget him but we know death comes to all and the only thing we can do is to live close to Jesus until our Pilgrimage here is over.

He leaves to mourn his death a wife, four children, a father, mother, five brothers, six sisters and a great host of relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted by J. W. Shipley, Chas. Huey and E. W. Anderson and the remains were laid to rest in the Yookum Cemetery in Powell's Valley.—A friend, Irene Shipley, Speedwell, Tenn.

TOOLE

On November 23, 1926 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. B. F. Toole and claimed her loving husband, age fifty years. He was a loving husband and a devoted father. He had suffered for almost a year with high blood pressure but he bore it with joy. He said that he was ready to go and we all know we will meet him again where partings never come if we live true. He was loved by all who knew him. We weep not as those who have no hope for we will some day see him again. He is over on the golden shore beckoning us to come. May God help us to prepare to go.

He leaves to mourn his death a loving wife, two sons, three step children, a mother, four sisters, one brother and many friends. His body was laid to rest in the Kenansville, Florida Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—His sister and niece, Mrs. R. F. Wheeler and Mrs. Bertha Kemp.

Dear brother you have left us now And it is hard to bear, But may we live that some sweet day We all shall meet up there.

Dear brother you have gone away We shall miss you evermore, But we hope some day to meet you Upon yonder's golden shore.

A precious one from us is gone A voice we love is stilled, A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.

OSBURN

In memory of our dear grandmother, Mrs. L. J. Osburn who died Friday January 28, 1927. She was eighty-four years old. It was hard to give her up, we loved her very much but God loved her best. Grandmother loved everyone, she tried to encourage everyone by having a kind word for them. Whenever we started to her she would greet us with a smile. We know that grandmother lived a devoted Christian life so she could go to heaven. Of course we believe that is where she is this morning, walking and talking with Jesus up and down the golden streets. Even if we are sad and lonely without her presence we are glad to know she is at rest. We all know that she cannot come back to us but if we live a pure clean life we can go there and walk and talk with her and Jesus.

Grandmother left to mourn her death, two daughters, Mrs. B. B. Cochran, Mrs. Tom Conn, one sister, Mrs. Charlie Friddle, one brother, Mr. Bill Smith and five sons, Dock, W. J. Claude, and Rell Osburn and a host of friends.—Marie Osburn.

TINER

On May 19, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tiner and claimed their daughter, Tomie Epperson. She was twenty years of age. She suffered much pain and began to call for prayer about two weeks before she passed out. We prayed for her and God saved her soul. She wanted to get well but God saw best and took her home to be with Him. If we stand true we will meet Tomie on the other shore where we will not have to say good-bye any more.

Sleep on Tomie and take your rest, We dearly loved you but God loved you best.

She leaves to mourn her death a husband, father, mother, five sisters, one brother and a host of friends. Her body was laid to rest at Lawrence Station, Ala. to await the coming of our Lord.—One who loved her, Mrs. C. M. Martin.

WHITLOW

Five years ago the great giver of all good gifts gave to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitlow a darling boy with bright shining eyes and sweet smiles. This great giver called him home March 10, 1927. Little Buby, as he was called, was sick most of his life and he became the pet of the home. He was taught by his parents to pray and many times he called for the saints to pray for him and he would join in the prayer. All was done for him that loving hands could do but God saw best to pluck the tender bud from earth and plant it to bloom in Heaven. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. L. L. Vaught. His remains were laid to rest in the Oakvale Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. He leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, two sisters and two brothers.

O why should we be so sad, And our loss in sorrow mourn? He has just passed from earth, To Heaven to live on and on.

If we could see his smiling face, Delighted with that happy place; We would not wish him back again, But would say, "dear Buby with God remain."

Father, mother, brothers and sisters this trial is hard, It crushes your hearts with pain; But look up to God for comfort and rest.

And prepare to meet Buby again.—His Grandmother, Laura Whitlow, Kellyville, W. Va.

AUSTIN

Grace Wavline Austin age seven months, one week and four days departed this life on April 1, 1927. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God at Wilton, W. Va. by E. E. Winters, Pastor.

There is a little one in Heaven who left the other day, She is looking to meet you father and mother, So be ready we pray.

SHERLIN

Hazel Dorthula Cantrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cantrell, was born in the year 1907 and departed this life May 31, 1927 at the age of twenty years. She lived a good life from childhood until death, was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost in 1922 and a year later joined the Church of God. She was united in marriage to Roy Sherlin April 8, 1924.

She leaves to mourn her death a mother, one sister, two brothers, a husband, two children and other relatives and friends. She was loved by all who knew her, was patient in her suffering and trusted the Lord to the end. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.—L. C. Chambers, Cleveland, Tenn.

CAN WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE BEFORE WE PASS THROUGH DEATH

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of FAITH, LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.—1 Tim. 6:11-12.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Rom. 6:23. (When can we get it?)

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness (Holy Ghost) in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal LIFE; and this life is in his Son.

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not LIFE.—1 John 5:10-12.

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE.—John 3:15-16.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.

Jesus says he that believeth on the SON HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, and he also said if we loved Him we would keep His commandments, and again He said he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Of course it goes without saying that he that believeth will not be baptized neither will he keep the commandments of Jesus. And we know that we cannot expect to receive anything from God except we keep the commandments of his dear Son.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath EVERLASTING LIFE, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live.

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.—John 5:24-26.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves come forth; THEY THAT HAVE DONE GOOD, UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of DAMNATION.—John 5:28-29.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting LIFE. I am the bread of life.—John 6:47-48.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. John 6:51.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath ETERNAL LIFE; and I will raise him up at the last day.—John 6:54.

When Jesus instituted the Lord's supper He told them that the bread was His body and the wine was His blood, and commanded that it be observed in remembrance of Him, and He also said as often as ye do these things you show forth His death and resurrection till he come, who would deny that he did not intend this to be observed, when he says as often, showing these things should be done often. Of course he that believeth not shall not do any of these things, neither keep any of the other commandments of Jesus.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.—John 8:51.

Now there is the hitch. I wonder if there is anyone who has fully kept all the commandments of our Lord, and I am frank to confess I do not believe there is one in a million. I do not think in all my life I have ever known one.

Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the LIFE: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

AND WHOEVER LIVETH AND BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE. Believest thou this? (Do you believe it? Do you?)—John 11:24-25.

I believe that anyone who will fully believe in Christ can take hold of that promise.

Jesus has told me that the ones in the graves would hear His voice and come forth, or come to life. Some to everlasting joy and others to the resurrection of damnation. There is no doubt about both good and bad coming forth in the resurrection, but can we escape death? If we cannot, why did Jesus say he that liveth and believeth on me shall never die?

John wrote more about this question than did the others and the disciples thought that John would never taste death on account of what Jesus said to him and to Peter. When Peter asked,

what shall this man do? Jesus said if I will that he tarry till I come what is that to thee? And while John did not verify this but said He did not say he shall not die, but if I will that he tarry till I come what is that to thee. And history does not seem to know what became of John, but it is supposed he died a natural death, but there are many who believe he still lives in this world today.

Paul wrote a great deal about eternal life and exhorts others to lay hold on eternal life, but as for Paul he wanted to die for Christ's sake, so that he would obtain a better resurrection. He would not accept deliverance but considered it a great privilege to die for Christ and the other disciples could not persuade him.

Adam and Eve were in the garden of Eden where they had access to the tree of life and God told them they could eat of all the trees except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But they ate of the very tree God commanded them not to eat of. Why did they not eat of the tree of life instead of the tree of knowledge? Is it because man does not seek life?

In the fullness of time Christ came into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil. He overcame death, death hath no power over Him, and Jesus came to redeem us back to God to put us on the same foundation that man was first on when He walked with God in the cool of the day.

There was a man Enoch the 7th from Adam who walked with God and was not for God took him. Think of it Enoch walked with God for 300 years. Paul says "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because, God had translated him: FOR BEFORE HIS TRANSLATION HE HAD THIS TESTIMONY THAT HE PLEASED GOD."

Now there was another man, a man of like passions as we are who prayed earnestly that it might not rain on the earth and it did not rain and he prayed again and the Lord gave rain. That was Elijah, who was also translated and who did not see death. Do you think it was a secret and not even Elijah knew about it until he saw the chariot of fire coming after him? When they went to Bethel the sons of the Prophets of Bethel asked Elisha "Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day?" And he said, "Yea I know it; hold ye your peace." And when they went to Jericho the sons of the Prophets at Jericho asked Elisha the same question and they received the same answer. Also Elijah told Elisha that if he saw him when he was taken away from him that his request that a double portion of the spirit that was on Elijah would be on him.

Now all these things were wrought through faith, and that of course brings us to the question of what faith is. Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. We all hope to be saved sometime, we all hope we shall be accounted worthy of the resurrection unto eternal life, but are we keeping the commandments of Christ? are we doing what He said, or are we trying to follow some man who says the doctrines of Christ are not intended for us today.

If Enoch and Elijah could be translated and see not death, why cannot we?

Some good people tell us that Enoch and Elijah were types of the living Saints who would be translated when Jesus comes. And those same folks tell us they believe that the coming of Christ is close at hand and some even say they feel sure He will come in the next decade and there are really some folks looking for Christ to come and expecting to be caught away. Faith will give us the same results today that it gave those in years gone by. We are living in the end of the Church age, we are on the threshold of a new day, we are at the point where we can see the glory of God, as never before, manifested to mankind or we can witness the damnation and darkness such as mankind has never before had to witness.

Jesus says, Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and it is they which testify of me. That is the thing for us to do today, and let us keep His words in our heart to do them, that we may obtain this precious faith which has been hid in ages gone by but now is revealed to the children of God. Follow Jesus not some man.—D. S. Annis.

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BLESSED WONDERFULLY EACH DAY

PHILADELPHIA, Miss.—I want to thank and praise the dear Lord for what He is to me. He blesses me wonderfully each day of my life and the way grows brighter. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

I want to tell about the good meeting that has just closed at Watkins Tabernacle. It was conducted by Sister Monneyham of Huston. There was one sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, three came into the church and five followed the Lord in water baptism. Sister Monneyham surely was a great help to this place. The Word was preached so strong and she fought the devil so hard until it brought the wonderful light to many. So I ask all of the dear saints to pray for me that I will keep peace with a smile and be ready to go when Jesus comes. Your little sister in Christ.—Kattie Watkins.

IVANHOE DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Ivanhoe Virginia District Convention convened at Shorts Creek Church July 22nd—24th. It opened at the appointed time with waves of victory, with seven preachers present, namely: Alex Shaffer, E. J. Hanks, J. C. Jernigan, Addie Jernigan, Emmett Frazier, A. J. Cox, and C. M. Fowler, also other good workers and members. Later on two other ministers, C. H. Crockett and R. M. Sexton, were added to our number.

Opening remarks by E. J. Hanks, district overseer, and first sermon by the writer, subject, "Church Called to Its Former Works and Love," text Rev. 2:4-5.

The speakers all seemed to be at their best; every preacher present except one, preached and she was on the program but did not feel like preaching at the time. We put in full time both on Saturday and Sunday, and the Lord wonderfully blessed and great unity was felt throughout the Convention. Brother Shaffer held the preaching Saturday and Sunday night. He is a new preacher in the Church of God, but a good one. He moved to Marion from West Virginia a few months ago and came into the Church of God, he has had many years experience in the Pentecostal Church and knows how to preach the Gospel in its purity, therefore, we are proud of him.

To say the least of the Convention, it was beyond our expectation, the congregations were large and at times the house would not accommodate them. There are seven churches on the district and every one of them was represented. There is unity and fellowship throughout the whole district and they all stand firm for the Church of God, not one of them has been moved throughout the storm which we have gone through. Brother Hanks the district overseer, has been on this district ever since he has been preaching, but the people are not tired of him, he is a good humble man and they all love him. I have been to all the churches more than once and have never heard one speak a word against him.

We did not have any District Convention on this district last year for fear it would not be what we would like for it to be, but I don't think this will be the case hereafter, but surely the Churches will look forward to the time for the District Convention.—John C. Jernigan, State Overseer of Va.

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